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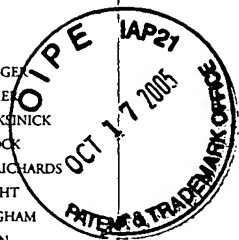
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TRANSMITTAL FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- ☒ Statement of relevance of selected cited references not in the English language which are not translated.
- ☐ Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.
- ☐ Statement that selected cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449 listing 13 references submitted for consideration.
- ☒ A copy of 9 Non-US references listed on the Form PTO-1449.
- ☐ English translations of ____ (____) of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 which are not in the English language.
- ☐ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; and
 - ☐ Form PTO-892

B. Additional Materials Required Due to Timing of Filing of Information Disclosure Statement

The transmitted Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within one (1) of the following four (4) time periods:

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 - ☐ Petition for Consideration; and

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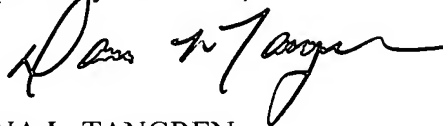
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Sir:

Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While no representation is made that these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed listed references are disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the listed references or relevant portion thereof that is not a US patent document is also enclosed.

Statement of Relevance of References Listed
Unaccompanied by English Translation
Under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3)

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided.

Austria Patent No. 396 347: In a vehicle with an interchangeable superstructure which is mounted on the vehicle chassis by means of a detachable locking device and can be lifted off the chassis by means of a lifting device, the locking device and the lifting device are activated by means of a common actuator drive which is supported on the chassis and engages on a pivot lever which is fitted at one end with a mount for the interchangeable superstructure and is coupled at its other end to a clip which is rotatably mounted, with a stop limitation, on the chassis. In order to be able to provide any desired number of locking positions, it is proposed that the locking device be composed of a plurality of bolts which are distributed over the length of the superstructure, interact with bolt receptacles and, by displacing the interchangeable superstructure with respect to the frame of the vehicle chassis in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle can be engaged with, or disengaged from, the bolt receptacles, that the mount for the interchangeable superstructure which is provided on the pivot lever be designed as a receptacle for a superstructure support, and that the displacement path of the receptacle for the superstructure support, which path is determined by the movement of the pivot lever during the rotation of the clip should correspond at least to the locking/unlocking path of the bolts.

German Patent No. 31 08 123: The load surface of the self loading vehicle has a rigid frame which is gripped by the double arm lever and dropped over the rear edge to take the load. One arm is powered by a ram linked to the chassis to swing the other arm into a raised position. The second arm has a separate ram to operate a lifting action. The two arms grip the frame and pull it over the edge of the lorry. The frame can hold a container or any other load. It also serves as a ramp to pull up small vehicles for recovery. The front of the frame has a center cut-out to allow the arms to operate.

German Patent No. 35 01 107: The loading surface of the truck has sloping edges under the rear end. When tilted and slid rearwards, the sloping edge lie on the ground and form a shallow ramp onto which the leading edge of the container can be pulled. A traveling hoist moves along the loading surface and grips the front edge of the container to pull it up the ramp. The hoist is supported on rollers and has a pivot mounted grip system. This grips the lifting couplings for the container. The lifting arm can be swung around into a raised position to grip higher mounted couplings. The truck is able to handle heavy containers with complex winches etc. Stable support for load.

Swedish Patent No. 7706031-7: As depicted in Figures 1-5, the reference appears to disclose a trailer having means from mounting an extension of support thereto.

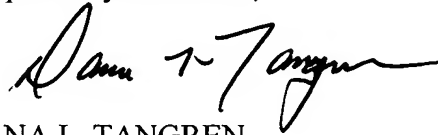
PCT Application No. WO 90/08052: The transport vehicle with a detachable body consists of a mobile section with a control cab which has a access door to the load-carrying section of the vehicle, and an open back with one or more detachable compartments which can be fitted or removed at will. The detachable compartments can be mounted on rollers and can be fitted in place or removed by means of a winch system using the vehicle's rear tailgate as a ramp. The detachable compartments can be in a variety of configurations, for carrying passengers or freight, and once mounted on the back of the vehicle they can be locked in place by special fixings.

SU 534 378: The vehicle body is of the type which is removable and replaceable without external handling devices. (The vehicle with lowered lifting frame is backed into position under the body which stands on four folding legs.) This design speeds up this and the reverse procedure (for removal) by preventing jamming of the lifting frame and providing visual indication to the driver of correct or incorrect engagement. The lift frame, raised and lowered by a pair of two-way hydraulic cylinders, has hollow section vertical pillars running over rollers mounted on the vehicle chassis. The body frame has two box section longitudinal which serve as guides to the lift frame as the vehicle is reversed into position. The lift frame also serves to secure the body via sockets into which taper projections from the body underside fit when the assembly is lowered in correct alignment. Correct engagement is signaled to the drivers' cab by a system of lights controlled by switches in the sockets. To detach the body, the lifting frame is raised to a sufficient height to enable the support legs to be folded down to a position just above the ground. After release of all securing clips the body is lowered into contact with the ground. Slight further lowering of the lifting frame enables the vehicle to be driven clear.

SU 1706898: As depicted in Figures 1-6, the reference appears to disclose a vehicle having means for selectively interlocking a trailer.

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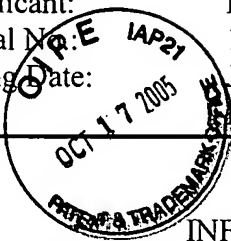
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATIONS MADE BY APPLICANT

U.S. Patent Documents

<u>Examiner Initial*</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
___ 1	4,178,011	12/11/1979	Kirsch
___ 2	4,314,726	02/09/1982	Artweger et al.
___ 3	5,718,544	02/17/1998	McElroy
___ 4	5,967,596	10/19/1999	Knoop

Foreign Patent Documents

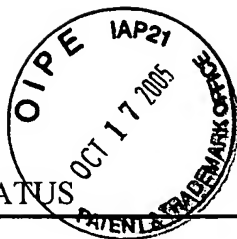
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___ 5	396 347 B	08/25/1993	Austria	No
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References Cited by Applicants

While the filing of Information Disclosure Statements is voluntary, the procedure is governed by the guidelines of Section 609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. To be considered a proper Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 shall be accompanied by a copy of each listed patent or publication or other item of information and a translation of the pertinent portions of foreign documents (if an existing translation is readily available to the applicant), an explanation of relevance of each reference not in the English language, and should be submitted in a timely manner as set out in MPEP Sec. 609.

Examiners will consider all citations submitted in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP Sec. 609 and place their initials adjacent the citations in the spaces provided on this form. Examiners will also initial citations not in conformance with the guidelines which may have been considered. A reference may be considered by the Examiner for any reason whether or not the citation is in full conformance with the guidelines. A line will be drawn through a citation if it is not in conformance with the guidelines AND has not been considered. A copy of the submitted form, as reviewed by the Examiner, will be returned to the applicant with the next communication. The original of the form will be entered into the application file.

Each citation initialed by the Examiner will be printed on the issued patent in the same manner as references cited by the Examiner on Form PTO-892.

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